

## How to read your Shinkansen Ticket

新幹線特急券 ①			
新 岩 国		➡	新 大 阪
② (13:29発)			③ (16:20着)
3月28日	こだま 374号	4号車	6番 E席
④	⑤ ⑥	⑦	⑧
¥4,610 ⑨			
9.- 3.21 岩国駅 ⑩			

- ① 新幹線特急券 (Shinkansen Tokkyu-ken) literally means “Super Express Ticket.”
- ② Departure station & time. In the example, the departure time is 13:29発 (1:29 PM) and the departure station is 新岩国 (Shin Iwakuni).
- ③ Destination station & arrival time. In the example, the arrival time is 16:20着 (4:20 PM) and the destination station is 新大阪 (Shin Osaka).
- ④ Date of departure: 3月 (3 gatsu) means third month and 28日 (28 nichi) means 28th day so 3月 28日 means March 28th.
- ⑤ Type of train service. Although the こだま (Kodama) is much faster than a local train, it is the slowest Shinkansen because it stops at every Shinkansen station. The ひかり (Hikari) stops at fewer stations. The のぞみ (Nozomi) stops at very few stations. The Nozomi and Hikari trains do not stop at Shin Iwakuni station so you may need to change trains at 広島 (Hiroshima) if traveling North.
- ⑥ The train number. In the example, the train is shown as こだま 374号 (Kodama 374 go) so the train number is Kodama #374.
- ⑦ Your car number. 4号車 (4 gosha) means your seat is located in car number 4.
- ⑧ Your seat number. 6番 E席 (6 ban E seki) means seat 6E (row 6 and seat E.)
- ⑨ The price of the super express fare only. This does not include the price of the regular fare ticket that must also be obtained.
- ⑩ The date and place the ticket was sold.

# *Shinkansen Instructions*

1. When you arrive at the station, you'll have at least two tickets. One is for the regular train fare and one is for the Shinkansen fare. Give the man at the ticket gate all your tickets. He'll find the correct one, stamp it and give them back to you. (Don't throw any of your tickets away, you'll need them later.) Proceed through the ticket gate.
2. If you go to a Shinkansen only station, you'll only have one ticket gate to go through. But some stations, such as Hiroshima, Tokyo, and Shin Osaka, you may have to pass through another ticket gate depending on where you entered the station.
3. Once you have passed into the Shinkansen area, look for the sign that lists the trains. The sign will switch periodically between Japanese and English. Find your train number in the listing (i.e. Kodama 374) and proceed to the track number listed for your train.
4. Next we will discuss where to stand and wait for the train. Look at your ticket and determine your car number. For the Shinkansen Trains that travel between Tokyo and Fukuoka, car number 1 will be at the Western end of the train (closest to Hakata/Fukuoka) and the last car will be at the Eastern end of the train (closest to Tokyo.) If your ticket says 4号車 (4 goshu) and your train is a Kodama, stand near the YELLOW sign that says 4号車.. If your train is a Hikari or Nozomi, stand near the WHITE sign on the platform that says 4号車.. If your train is a Hikari Rail Star, stand near the BLUE sign on the platform that says 4号車..
- IMPORTANT NOTE: If you haven't found where to stand and your train arrives, board quickly even if you aren't at the correct car. You can walk through the train to get to the correct car after the train has left the station. Nozomi and Hikari trains rarely stop for as long as two minutes and usually the stop is much shorter.
5. After the train has left the station, a conductor will come around and check your tickets. He only checks the tickets of those that have boarded since he last checked. He will not check your tickets again.
6. When you hear the announcement indicating that your destination is the next stop, prepare to disembark making sure to bring your tickets with you. When the doors open, disembark quickly as the train may leave and proceed up the line to the next station if you delay too long.
7. Proceed to the exit. Give the man at the ticket gate your tickets. He will take and keep them. At some stations you may have to pass through more than one ticket gate. Give the man at the first ticket gate your tickets. He'll find the correct one, take and keep it, and give you the rest.
8. Enjoy your trip. It's not as hard as it sounds and the trains are very comfortable. There are restrooms on the train and a small snack bar on some with light snacks, bento lunches and soft drinks available for purchase.

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NOTE: This document combines information from several documents provided by the MCAS Iwakuni Family Service Center and the ITT Office